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SUBJECT:FY-75 OCA AFRICAN INTERCHANGE PROJECTS

1. VOGEL STATES THAT COFFI HAS BEEN REQUESTING SPECIAL PROGRAM CONSIDERATION SINCE HE BEGAN DEALING WITH THE MINISTER ON PRIVATE OCA MATTERS IN 1967. HE FEELS THAT COFFI'S "TECHNICIENS" ARE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTERS, NOT TECHNICAL WORKERS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SENSE, AND THEREFORE IS SURPRISED THAT NO CANDIDATES WOULD FIT INTO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES THEME.
2. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SPRING PROLINK (INTERNSHIP) PROJECT, ALL OCA PROJECTS ARE FOR GROUPS OF AT LEAST THREE PARTICIPANTS WHO FOLLOW A THEME RELATED TO THEIR JOINT INTEREST. AS A RESULT, NO SELECTIONS ARE GUARANTEED AT THE TIME OF NOMINATION, PENDING A DETERMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES INTERESTS, BACKGROUND, AND SUITABILITY FOR A PARTICULAR THEME GROUP. LESS THAN THREE HOMOGENEOUS NOMINATIONS AFRICA-WIDE FOR A THEME RESULT IN NO SELECTIONS THEREFORE, BIOS ARE ESSENTIAL BEFORE SELECTIONS ARE MADE.
3. CU REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT ALL VISITOR NOMINATIONS BE APPROVED IN WASHINGTON. THEREFORE, NO GRANT CAN BE GUARANTEED.

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TEE BEFORE SUBMISSION OF NAME AND BIO INFORMATION.

HOWEVER, TO ASSURE TWO VISITOR GRANTS FOR COFFI MINISTRY
OFFICIALS, POST MAY WISH TO NOMINATE FOR POST FUNDED IV
PROGRAM INSTEAD, WHICH WOULD ENSURE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM AND
ATTEWTTON.

4. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS ALL LIKELIHOOD THAT WITH
PROPER SCREENING THE POST CAN LOCATE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND
SPORTS CANDIDATES WITH INTERESTS/ BACKGROUND WHICH WOULD
DOVETAIL INTO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES
THEME WELL ENOUGH TO ENABLE SELECTION OF A LEAST ONE
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